

# The Fort Hamilton Citizens Action Committee, LTD.

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE:

Donald H. Rumsfeld  
Secretary of Defense  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Rumsfeld:

I want to express my concern about the possible closing of the Fort Hamilton Army Garrison in Brooklyn, New York. I understand that the Department Of Defense is conducting a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) that could potentially result in the shutting down of Fort Hamilton. The importance of keeping this strategically important military unit here in New York City, in the aftermath of September 11, 2001, cannot be over-emphasized.

Fort Hamilton, located in a very pro-military area of New York City, (a city generally conceded to be both vulnerable and targeted in an age of terrorism), is increasingly seen as an installation adding a vital security component to its basic military mission. Today, Fort Hamilton is the only active duty military installation and is the Army's primary residence in the New York City metropolitan area. New York City is America's largest, most diverse, densely populated city and is the nation's financial, cultural and communications capital. It boasts the largest seaport and the largest container and petroleum port in the country...and arguably in the world today! New York is one of the most strategic, and vulnerable, cities in the United States. For these reasons Fort Hamilton must remain open to protect New York.

Please do whatever is in your power to keep Fort Hamilton open as the only active duty military base in New York City. The security and well being of our city, its infrastructure and its 8 million inhabitants may well be dependent upon this vital military resource.

Sincerely,

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